

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2006. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 1, 5-16, 19-30, 32-41, 43-46, and 48-57 were pending in this Application. Claims 2-4, 17-18, 31, 42, and 47 were previously canceled by Applicants without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 30, 32-41, 43-46, and 48-55 were rejected. Claims 1, 5-16, 19-29, 56 and 57 were allowed. Claims 30, 32-41, 43-46, and 48-55 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 30, 32-41, 43-46, and 48-55 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over non-patent document Wallys W. Conhaim's "Thomas Publishing" dated Jul/Aug 1998 ("Conhaim") in view of non-patent document Edwards, Inc. website at www.Edwardsinc.com ("Edwards"), and further in view of non-patent document "Thomasregister.com" from website of <http://www.thomasregister.com>, archived 16 November 1999 at <http://www.waybackmachine.org> ("ThomasRegister.com"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combinations, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, does not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious.

Claims 30-55 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner allowing Claims 1, 5-16, 19-29, 56, and 57. Applicant canceled Claims 30, 32-41, 43-46, and 48-55.

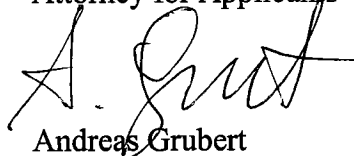
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the Claims as presented herein.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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